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The State Convention Movement.

A correspondent of the *Mountain Banner*, published at Rutherfordton, for whose high respectability and unimpeachable veracity, the Editor of this paper vouches, gives the following account of a "Great Mass Meeting," held at Shelby, the county town of Cleveland county, during the session of the Court, week before last. The correspondent says:

Mr. Editor:—On Wednesday, after Court had adjourned at Shelby, I happened to be there, and hearing proclamation made at the Court House door that a meeting was to be held expressive of the public sentiment relative to a State Convention to make certain Constitutional amendments, and seeing Gen. BYNUM present, I supposed he was going to try to satisfy the people of Cleveland concerning his course in the last Legislature.

After some time spent in making proclamations and trying to get some persons to act as Chairman, the meeting was at length called to order by Col. GREGG, Chairman—Dr. WILLIAMS acting as secretary. You may depend, Mr. Editor, the meeting was a THIN one, if you consider 5 or 6 men as constituting one of that character. It is a serious trial to the Resolutions adopted received but three votes!!

Gen. BYNUM made a short speech, in which he denounced the last Legislature for passing the Equal Suffrage bill, and contended that an open Convention is the only Republican mode of making Constitutional amendments. He said the Raleigh Standard had charged upon him and his friends that they were actuated by party considerations: "But," said he, "it is a falsehood." Now, Mr. Editor, I thought that among the intelligent whigs who were present, this declaration of the General was not very palatable, as there was not one democrat who had any hand in the meeting.

It is a strange thing, Mr. Editor, if there is no party in this thing, how it always happens, whether in the Legislature or in publishing Western Addresses, or in holding County meetings, that whigs are against Free Suffrage and democrats for it. Gen. BYNUM will have to make some more speeches, abuse democratic editors, and do many more queer things before he can convince the people of Rutherford and Cleveland, whigs as well as democrats, that he did right and was carrying out sound republican principles when he was voting against Equal Suffrage.

So, after all, it would seem that some Convention men, from party policy in the East and centre, care more about justice to the "dear people" of the West than they do themselves. The people do not want a Convention, but they do want Equal Suffrage, and next Legislature. The ruin of the mixed basis in Virginia, and the betrayal of the East by the Convention recently held in that State, ought to teach North Carolina to beware of such edged tools. Eastern, and parts of Western Carolina, have their eyes too widely opened now to consent to an unlimited Convention, and the leading advocates of such Convention know this, consequently their only true motive in agitating the matter at all must be a desire to defeat Free Suffrage, combined with a still stronger desire to make political capital for the Whig party. Verily, this is a great world.

Senator Sumner and Other People.

The Fayetteville *Observer* says it does not know that SUMNER has never been a Democrat. We thought it did, for the fact is notorious. Nor does the fact that some fishy Democrats supported him, make the party responsible for his acts. Many Democrats opposed him to the last. He was elected by one vote, Mr. BORDEN, a Whig, having voted for him. Mr. SUMNER has uniformly supported the Whig candidate for President. The coalition between certain Democrats and the Free Soilers in Massachusetts was scandalous, and has been denounced as such by the Democratic press throughout the country, not even excepting Massachusetts itself; but what Whig has denounced the Whig party for going en masse, without any coalition or other disturbing cause, for WINSTROP, who voted for the repeal of the fugitive slave law in the last session of the Senate of the United States. But the Democrats did not go over in a body. There was always a number of them who never would and never did vote for SUMNER. Does the *Observer* not know that a convention of the regular Democrats was held in RANTOL's district, denouncing RANTOL's course, and adopting resolutions to the same effect as the resolutions of the Vermont Democratic Convention, published in this week's *Journal*, and a regular Democratic candidate, Mr. BROWN, got very nearly the full strength of the party at the recent election in that district. We had all the proceedings of this Convention cut out for publication last week, but have somehow mislaid them. It is a strange question for the *Observer* to ask what Democrats have repudiated SUMNER, Dix, RANTOL, &c., when it is known that SUMNER has always acted with the Whigs; when it is known that a regular National Democrat polled the vote of the party at the recent election in opposition to RANTOL; and when it is further known that, at the last Presidential election, the Dix and Van Buren interest headed a movement in New York gotten up for the express purpose of defeating Gen. Cass. But SEWARD is the magnus Apollo of the Whig party in New York. WINSTROP is the man for whom the Whigs North and South battled so hard in the election of Speaker of the last Congress. Among WINSTROP's most energetic supporters were some six Whig Congressmen from this State. A party is responsible for the acts of its members done under its sanction and authority, but not for the unauthorized doings of men who have gone out from its ranks, and who are no longer of its counsel. The difference between the Whig and Democratic parties at the North is simply this:—When a member of the Democratic party avows Free Soil principles, he withdraws from his membership; while, on the contrary, the relations between a Whig politician and his party are not otherwise changed than perhaps by an increase of his popularity and influence. The Whigs of New York, with the exception of a few city merchants, obey SEWARD and elect FISH. The Whigs of Massachusetts denounce WEBSTER and sustain HORACE MANN. The Democrats of Pennsylvania repeal the nullifying law of that State in regard to the confinement of fugitive slaves in the jails of that State. JOHNSON, the Whig Governor, refuses to sign the bill authorizing the repeal, and JOHNSON is the regular Whig candidate for re-election.

We are far from denying that much wrong and unsoundness has crept into the ranks of the Northern Democrats. In the struggle for temporary success against unscrupulous opponents, they may have yielded to the current and been in some measure false to their principles, but this has been the exception and not the rule, and we are happy to notice the return of a purer and a better state of feeling.—Throughout the whole country the Democrats are planting themselves upon the platform of the constitution. Even in nullifying Vermont, the Democrats are true.

One thing is certain, so far as the slavery question is concerned, the Democratic motto, North and South, ought to be, and will—no further agitation; no further interference under any pretext. This position is rapidly becoming that of the party at the North. It will equally be that of the party at the South. Immediate secession is at an end for the present, and will be forever if this motto be carried out. But no Southern Democrat will, we hope, join himself to any Union party, which would pledge him to the support of the Union under renewed agitation and repeated aggression.

The Sandwich Islands—Their Position and Growing Importance—Movements of the French.

The Sandwich or Hawaiian Islands were discovered in 1778, by Captain Cook, who gave them the name by which they are generally known, in honor of Lord Sandwich, then first Lord of the British Admiralty. They lie about 2,000 miles from the mouth of the Columbia river, and in the direct track of vessels going from San Francisco to Canton or the East Indies. The total area of the Islands is about 3,000 square miles, of which Hawaii contains four thousand. The population is estimated at 150,000 at the highest, and 80,000 at the lowest. The native portion of the population is rapidly decreasing, while the foreign is increasing. The foreign trade of the Islands is chiefly in the hands of the Americans. Oahu is next to Hawaii, the largest island, the most important, and the seat of government, and the most important town in the group, being situated on the Southern coast of the island. This town contains about twelve thousand inhabitants, of whom two thousand are Americans, comprising the greater portion of the foreign population.

When discovered, the Islands were under the control of petty chieftains, and had a great many rather strange and heathenish customs, but were, withal, fat, contented, and reasonably happy; perhaps as much so as if they had known how to read newspapers and wear breeches. However, after some fighting, in which several naked gentlemen got killed, one KAMAMIEHA made himself King over the whole group, and has been succeeded by two other individuals of the same name, the present King being called KAMAMIEHA III. The Islands are really under the rule of the missionaries, certain numbers of whom arrived from Boston in March, 1820, and commenced christianizing the Islands. In 1840, a written constitution, modelled in many of its features after those of the United States and Great Britain, was adopted by the King and chiefs, through the instrumentality of the missionaries, and publicly promulgated. The independence of the government is guaranteed by the United States, France, and Great Britain. It would seem that, in a treaty made with France and Great Britain, it was stipulated that the duties on wines and spirituous liquors should be optional, provided it should not amount to a prohibition. The government laid a duty of five dollars per gallon upon wine and liquors, ale and beer included. Upon the representation of the British government, the duties levied upon ale and beer were refunded, upon the ground that they did not come under the denomination of wines or spirituous liquors. The French then contended that, as they were entitled to be treated as well as the most favored nations, the duties levied on their wines and brandies should be refunded. They also claimed that their missionaries should receive the same amount of support from the government that is accorded to the Americans and English. They also claim a representation in the cabinet, as one of the members of the present cabinet is English and another American, hence it is contended that one should also be a Frenchman. To these and other claims, the Hawaiians seem unwilling to assent, alleging that an assent to them would be inconsistent with the government, and the French have threatened to resort to force. It is said that, in the event of hostilities, the Hawaiian authorities have resolved to hoist the American flag and put themselves under the protection of the United States.

We do not think it likely that in any event these transactions will lead to a rupture between France and the United States. In the first place, it is not likely that the French will proceed to any immediate violence; and in the second place, the United States is only one of the guaranteeing parties, being joined with England and France, and in this case she would, of course, act in concert with England, in opposing any unwarranted acts of the French authorities in the Pacific. It is true that the greater number of the foreign residents are Americans, and that our interest in the Islands is greater than that of any other people; still we have no interest in the beer and wine squabble between France and England, nor are we likely to make a national question out of the clerical difficulties between the French priests and the Puritan clergymen. One way or another, American influence is bound to predominate. Somehow or other the native race seems to be rapidly disappearing throughout all the Islands of the Pacific, and it is likely that in twenty years more the native population in the Sandwich Islands will not amount to 50,000, while the Americans and their descendants will be nearly twice that number. A large trade must in time spring up between our Pacific coast and China and the East Indies, and these Islands are the only group that can answer the purpose of a half-way house, especially for steamers, to which they would be invaluable as depositories for coal. They would then become essentially American in character, and would be equally ours, whether annexed or not; but as the case stands now, with a miserable population composed of chiefs and *kanakas*, or serfs, with a puppet for a King, and missionaries for cabinet ministers, we are much better without them, especially as they are over two thousand miles distant from San Francisco.

The New York Senatorial Elections.

The recent Senatorial election in twelve districts in New York, to supply the vacancies created by the resignation of that number of Democrats, has resulted in a gain of four to the Whigs. This will give the Whigs a sufficient majority in the Senate to enable them to pass the \$9,000,000 Erie Canal enlargement bill, which the Democratic Senators from these districts a short time ago defeated, by resigning and bringing the session to a close for want of a quorum. The minority placed their opposition to this measure on constitutional grounds. The question of the constitutionality of the law will probably be contested before the courts. The speechifying, tramping, and internal improvement appeals of President FILLMORE and his cabinet, on the eve of the election, may have had something to do with this result. Of the good taste or propriety of the thing, we will leave our readers to judge.

Wrong—Not Right.

Almost every Whig paper we open has an extra supplement filled with government advertisements. The only exceptions to this rule seem to be the *Wilmington papers*. Now this, we think, is not exactly right. We certainly have no pretensions to any of the "pap" ourselves. It is the fortune of war that we should be on the lower side of the wheel just now, and we submit, since there is no use in grumbling, but really we think that the powers that be have treated our town cotemporaries rather shabbily. We believe our former neighbor of the *Chronicle* was the very first paper in the State to hoist the name of Gen. Taylor, and yet we do not recollect that there has been the slightest recognition of its services, nor has the government deemed to make known its wants in any case through the papers of the commercial capital of the State, although every petty local paper is filled with government matter, though not even in existence previous to the election. It is said that there is no gratitude among Whigs. We cannot regard this as respectful or right.

The Southern Rights Convention of Georgia.

The Southern Rights Convention of Georgia have nominated Ex-Gov. McDONALD as their candidate for Governor.

The Whig Governor of Pennsylvania.

This *rumor*, a Whig Governor of Pennsylvania, exists in the person of the present incumbent, JOHNSON, who is now a candidate for re-election. Last winter an act was passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania repealing the sixth section of the kidnapping act of 1847, which prevented the jails of that State from being used for the custody of fugitives from labor. The repeal of this section was but carrying out the spirit of the compromise measures of Congress, and yet Gov. JOHNSON pocketed the bill, and still retains it in his possession. It is said that he exhibits the unsigned bill to the Free Soilers, and pledges himself never to sign it, while to the opposite party he exhibits the same bill, and swears by all that is holy that his signature shall be appended to it as soon as he is re-elected. This is electioneering with a vengeance, and it is a disgrace to the Whig party throughout the country, that this notorious trickster and Abolitionist is the acknowledged leader of the Whig party in the great State of Pennsylvania.

The Turkish Costume.

At Syracuse, New York, on Saturday, a fat negro woman, rigged out in a new style, with a dress reaching just below her knees, flowing trousers, and a gipsy hat with streaming ribbons, promenade the streets, attracting considerable attention. The dress was given to her by some young gentlemen of the city.

The steamship North America is to leave New York on the 17th for Liverpool, via Galway, with passengers for the World's Fair. They will be conveyed thence by railroad to Dublin, and first class steamers run between that port and Holyhead in Wales; so that the passengers will pass through the centre of Ireland, and have a view of the celebrated Britannia Tabular Bridge over the Manai Straits, the Welsh scenery, &c.

The Force of Example.—At St. Louis, lately, a small boy who had been to witness a Magician's performance, including the pretended cutting off and restoration of the nose of one of the audience, went home and tried to perform the trick with his little sister, whose nose he nearly amputated with a carving knife. The cries of the little girl brought assistance before the nose was quite gone.

The Methodist Church Case.—The arguments in this case have been concluded. Judge NELSON, of the Supreme Court of the United States, before whom it was tried, reserves the case for consideration. It will be some time before the decision be given. The Judge advises an amicable settlement as best for the interest of christianity and the Methodist church. We hardly think there is any chance of a compromise. It looks hard that two religious bodies should be required to be taught christian feelings and mutual forbearance by a Judge of the law, but unfortunately such is the case in the present instance.

UNITED STATES TREASURER'S STATEMENT.—From the report of the United States Treasurer, it appears that the net amount of United States funds on hand, and subject to draft, on the 28th ultimo, were \$14,259,274, of which \$5,711,150 were in the mint at Philadelphia; \$1,100,000 in the branch mint at New Orleans; \$2,190,593 in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer at Boston; \$2,020,669 at New York; \$1,301,260 at Philadelphia; \$413,158 at New Orleans; and \$351,938 at Charleston.

SPECIAL TERMS.—Gov. REID has made the following appointments of Judges to hold Special Terms of the Superior Court for the counties mentioned:—JUDGE DICK, Martin; ELLIS, Mecklenburg; MANLY, Gates; CALDWELL, Guilford; BAILEY, Buncombe; SETTLE, Wake.

The Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, for the last twenty years Rector of the St. John's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, died at that place on the morning of the 30th ultimo, after an illness of forty-eight hours. Mr. BUXTON was an able and distinguished Minister of the Episcopal Church, and possessed the respect and esteem of his people and of the community in which he lived. His funeral was attended by almost all the Episcopal clergymen in the diocese, who were in attendance on the Convention then in session in Fayetteville.

The American Art-Union.

We have received from the managers of the New York American Art-Union, the Bulletin of the Union for April, being the first of the series for 1851. The Bulletin is a monthly publication, sent to members only. It is devoted chiefly to the dissemination of correct notions in relation to art, and is illustrated by several fine original engravings. The yearly subscription for membership of the Art-Union is five dollars. The advantages are:—Each subscriber is entitled to a copy of a large and costly original engraving from an American painting. He also receives the "Bulletin" for the year, and a chance for several costly paintings and other works of art, which are annually distributed by lot. The object of the Union is the encouragement of art and the dissemination of a taste for it; certainly a very good purpose. Subscriptions and payments may be made to either of the Honorary Secretaries, or remitted to ANDREW WARNER, the Corresponding Secretary, in the city of New York.

DECLINES THE NOMINATION.—We learn from a correspondence in the last *Newbernian*, that Hon. W. H. WASHINGTON declines the nomination tendered to him by the Whig Convention in the Eighth District. The state of his health, and the necessity of attending to his private affairs, are assigned as causes.—The *Newbernian* recommends STANLEY to be run a gain.

We notice that Mr. WASHINGTON, in his letter of declination, says that, "upon one contingency only, (which has not arisen,) would I consent to be a candidate." What is the contingency, the failure of which to occur, has caused Mr. WASHINGTON to decline? Is there a want of coincidence of opinion between him and the nominating Convention? We confess to ignorance upon this subject, but would like to be informed.

From California.

The steamships Empire City and North America arrived at New York on Tuesday last, bringing between them \$1,800,000 in gold, and over seven hundred passengers. Her San Francisco dates are to the 1st of May.

The news from the mining districts is favorable. The San Francisco municipal election, held just before the sailing of the steamers, resulted in the success of the Whig ticket.

There are advices from the Sandwich Islands, stating that the difficulties between the French and the natives have been amicably adjusted. We expected that it would be so.

ROYAL ARCH.—The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina commenced its fifth Annual Commemoration in this town on Monday last. Wilmington has been decided upon as the place of location of the Chapter.

Delegates from the following subordinate Chapters were in attendance:

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From the Pennsylvania. There is yet more, in the order which indicated this crowning act of injustice upon Major Domotor, the phrase which follows is literally to be found: "As the departure of the individuals detained at Kutahja is already decreed, it is ordered that the said Domotor, who is by chance amongst them, be arrested and detained also."

It is then to inspire us with confidence in our approaching liberation, that these fresh detentions have just been effected?

Behold the consolation which the anniversary of our detention has brought to us!

I most solemnly protest against this act. I appeal from it to the eternal justice of God, and to the judgment of the world.

I appeal from it with the more confidence, as this act gives proof to all foreigners, travellers, or residents in Turkey, that their personal safety cannot be guaranteed, and that no one can be sure that, in consequence of some detention, he may not be similarly treated.

I appeal from it yet more, because this act cannot fail to be followed by disastrous consequences, in destroying all confidence in the belief that the rights of nations are respected in Turkey.

I appeal from it besides, because it cannot fail to compromise the dignity of the Servian government, and to diminish the attachment of Servia to the Sublime Porte, and that in a moment when the Milosh party, supported by Austria and Russia, is upon the eve of disturbing the tranquillity of Servia, and of proving to Europe that, amongst all the Slavonian provinces of the Ottoman Empire, there is not a single one which is not subject to discontent and to emigration, to the advantage of Russia.

As for myself and my companions in misfortune, I feel bound to declare, before God and humanity, that we are reduced to that pitch of despair at which men take counsel of their honor, regardless of the consequences or of the scandal of collisions which may be provoked, and that we are rather than submit to a prolongation of their sufferings.

LOUIS KOSSUTH.

Kutahja, April 13, 1851.

Titian's Magdalen. Titian, having been loaded with honors and riches at the court of Charles V. of Spain, decided to behold once more his beloved Venice. He asked, and obtained leave to quit Madrid, still preserving the title and emoluments of Court Painter.

Titian returned to Venice, bearing with him eleven thousand scudi, besides presents of great value, as a model to artists, and as a reward for his services. Doga Francesco Venier said to him, despondingly: "What can I do for you, when kings and emperors have given you such precious proofs of their esteem?"

"Allow me," said Titian, "to finish the frescoes of great council chamber gratuitously, and at my own expense."

"You are a worthy citizen, as well as a great artist," answered the Doga; "and the senate will thank you, in the name of all Venice, for your generous offer."

After the death of the emperor, Titian still continued to his Catholic majesty in quality of Court Painter; but the Inquisition gave the new king so much to do, and its ministers were so much occupied in burning the heretics, that the great artist's pension remained unpaid, and Titian had often to apply to the king himself for the price of his labor.

Amongst other pictures ordered by the king, Titian received a commission to paint Magdalen, the most austere description. Titian set to work with the best intentions, but drawn away by a worldly tendency, gave to the new Magdalen a greater dose of seduction and beauty than of compunction and grief. He painted her with a glowing complexion, and the hair retained a glossy brightness, in spite of the ashes with which it was covered; and the eyes beamed with the refulgence of love, through their tears. In a word it was the Magdalen rather before than after her repentance.

At the moment of giving the last finishing stroke to his picture, Titian perceived that he had depicted the lineaments of a Venus, or some such pagan divinity, instead of a Magdalen. The picture was certainly not less worthy of praise on that account, but Titian wisely reflected that Philip II. would hesitate paying for a Danae or a Leda, when he had ordered a Magdalen.

He therefore had recourse to the following expedient:—

Opposite his studio lived a young girl of great beauty—an orphan—who had never known her parents, and who had been reared, by extreme wretchedness and poverty, to the painful trade of serving as a model to artists at the price of half a ducat a sitting. Grief, nightly watching, and privations of every sort had left their traces on her worn brow and pale attenuated cheek; but, through all this, an air of distinction and ingenuousness raised her above the sphere in which she lived. Our painter, in his moments of relaxation had often gazed at her, and he had longed to paint her languidly at his window, her eyes bathed in tears, and seemingly in an ecstasy of grief.

Titian sent for her, and proposed to engage her as a model for the head of his Magdalen, promising to pay her four ducats a sitting, provided she remained constantly standing motionless, and in the attitude in which he had placed her without ever asking a moment's repose, however great the fatigue and pain that she should suffer.

The young girl, delighted at so magnificent an offer, promised all that was required of her, and the sitting commenced at once.

For half an hour, the model of standing in the same attitude, she humbly begged the great painter to allow her a moment's rest. Titian pretended not to hear her request, and continued his work with redoubled ardor and attention.

In about a quarter of an hour, there was a renewed demand on the part of the young girl, and a renewed silence on the part of the artist.

At length, after an hour's standing, the poor girl again solicited for rest; but the artist still remaining obstinate in his silence, the wretched creature fell to the ground almost deprived of sense.

Then Titian, feigning to be in a violent passion, reproved her harshly for having failed in her promise, and threatened, with beating, to send her from his study without paying her any of the money agreed upon, if she did not instantly resume the position in which he had placed her.

The poor unfortunate, overpowered with humiliation and grief, rose, without saying a word, and resumed her original attitude, abundant and bitter tears silently chasing each other down her pallid cheeks.

"It is done!" exclaimed Titian, in a tone of triumph. "There is, at length, the expression I sought!"

Then, after a few more touches of his pencil, he ran to the young girl, and pressing her in his arms with paternal tenderness, wiped away her tears, and placed her on a couch.

"My child," said he, "with your help I have accomplished a chef-d'œuvre; it is therefore just that you should have your share of its price. Here are four ducats for to-day's sitting, and here is your portion, to convey again to me my assistant at the same full of gold. I shall find a husband for you amongst my pupils, and you will then no longer require to serve as a model in order to gain a livelihood."

Philip II. was struck with admiration and astonishment at the sight of Titian's new picture, although he had known the great artist's genius had long been firmly established, his expectations were now surpassed. Never had the celebrated painter raised himself to such a height.

The king paid him the most flattering compliments in a letter written with his own hand, and graciously asked him to sketch the head of the Magdalen, which she had so bravely and so patiently borne.

"Sir," answered Titian, "she is supplicating your majesty, with tears in her eyes, to cause me to be paid the arrears of the pension which your august father designed to allow me."

As he had suffered from the letter dated from Barcelona in 1564, ordered the Viceroy of Naples and the Governor of Milan to satisfy, without delay, the just demands of a man who had served, and was still ready to serve, his majesty, to his full satisfaction.

A few days, Titian had made two copies of his "Magdalen." One was bought by Silvio Bedonos, for a hundred ducats; after whose death it sold for five times the original amount. The other remained in the painter's family, and is to day considered one of the most precious relics of this prince of painters.

LIBRARIES.—Libraries are as the shrines where all the relics of the ancient saints, full of true virtue, and that without delusion of imposture, are preserved.—Lord Bacon.

From the London Athenaeum. "I am happy to be able to inform you that the great expedition in the north of Africa has been more successful than that in the south to explore Lake Ngami. Letters from Dr. Barth and Dr. Overweg inform us of their having accomplished the journey across the Great Desert, or Sahara, and of their arrival near the frontiers of the kingdom of Air, or Asten, (Air is the modern Turuk, and Asten the ancient Sudan name), the most powerful in that part of Africa after Bornu, and never explored by Europeans. On the 24th August, the date of their last letters, they were at Tardisat, a small place, which from itineraries sent by Dr. Overweg in a former letter, and from the positions of Muskat and Kano, I place in about 20° 30' N. lat., and 9° 20' long. E. of Greenwich.

"From my former communication it will have been seen that the two travelers led Muruk on the 12th inst., leaving Mr. Richardson at that place to await the Turuk escort from Ghat. Much delay was caused by this circumstance; especially at Hatia, the well-known Turuk chief, is now an old and decrepit man, able to travel only at a slow pace; so that the journey from Muruk to Ghat, which is generally accomplished in twelve days, occupied them thirty-six. They were, however, compensated by the discovery of some extremely curious rock-sculptures in the Wady Tellissar, about twenty English miles west of Wady Elauwen, which is a-bout 110 English miles west of Muruk, roughly estimated. One of these sculptures consists of two human figures, one of which is armed with spears, shields, and bows, and combating for a child. The other is a fine group of oxen going to a watering-place, most artistically grouped and skillfully executed.

"In the opinion of both travelers, the two works bear a striking unmistakable resemblance of Egypt. The sculptures are of very high antiquity, and superior to numerous other sculptures of more recent date found by the travelers, in which camels generally formed the principal object. They most probably relate to a period of ancient Libyan history, when camels were unknown in that part of Africa, and the travelers were of opinion that the sculptures were relative to the general physical character, geology, and natural history of the region between Muskat and Ghat. From the former place westward, the country was found to ascend as far as beyond Wady Tellissar; whence it descended into the deep Wady Tella, which was the scene of the expedition, and parallel with Wady Ghat, from which it is separated by a range of steep hills. This range, as well as the surrounding portion of the table land to the east, consists, like that found between Tripoli and Muruk, of black sandstone, with substrata of limestone and marl. The summits of these sandstone ridges form a pointed, sharp-edged knife-like cross, which is out of the question to think of ascending or going a round. Of fossil remains, orthoceras, brachiopoda, &c., were found.

"With respect to the botanical character of this part of Africa, a greater number of graminaceous plants were seen by the rich Wady than had previously been met with. Of these, the most remarkable was a species of grass, which the travelers had not seen beyond Tessana, about two days' journey west of Muruk. Water was plentiful in the wells; even pools, remaining from the last rains, were met with in some of the Wadis which are generally dry. Flocks of quail, and other game, were attracted by the water, so precious in these regions, as well as numbers of small birds, gazelles, hares, foxes and dormice enlivened the surrounding country. In the large Wadis, near Ghat, numerous traces of wild asses were observed.

"The expedition arrived at Ghat on the 17th July, and on the 22nd of August, the travelers, who had stayed at the former place, their transactions with the Turuks and their journey to the kingdom of Air, further particulars may be expected shortly.

"I may add that his Majesty the King of Prussia has been pleased, at the instance of the Chevalier Bunsen, and Alexander von Humboldt, to augment the funds of the two travelers by a grant of 1,000 thalers."

HUNTING THE HYENA IN ALGERIES.—The Arabs have a mode of hunting the hyena, which is one of the most curious and successful. It is a mode which almost equals the wolf-taking exploits of Gen. Putnam himself. We find the following account accredited to the Paris Constitutionnel, the editor of which obtained it in a letter from a French officer in Algeria:—

A short time since, the commandant of the battalion of Turuks, or native soldiers, was informed that a female hyena had been seen in the neighborhood of Mostaganem, near Mazagan, and that she had taken refuge in a cave about one hundred yards in depth. Orders were immediately given to carefully guard the entrance to the cave. Two Turuks, provided with a simple cord and a small chain, went to the mouth of the cave, and, having secured a candle, and in about an hour, to the great astonishment of the spectators, an enormous hyena appeared, muzzled, and allowing itself to be led along with the docility of a sheep.

According to the account given by the Arabs, the animal, dazzled by the light of the candle, allowed itself to be handled and cased like a dog, and, during this time the hunter takes care to muzzle it, and thus prevents the possibility of its doing any mischief. Two soldiers were, however, two days since, seriously wounded by one of these animals, which suddenly resumed its ferocity, and, after being through the muzzle, took to flight, and, knocking down the hunter, he was unable to get anything to equal the courage and temerity shown by the natives in these sports."

A SIGN AS A SIGN.—We think bad spellers will have little difficulty in understanding the following sign, which was taken from a store door in a commercial town in California. *Phor Sail Hair, Boots & Shoes, Melassez, Winegar, Pork & Beans, candles, pipes, tin kettles, ostriches, clams, bear skins, rider, brandy, wood, tobacco, leather, onags, nutmegs, pepper, other tin, and various other things, and various other things which are not mentioned here.* *Phor sail hair, in every quantity by the quart.*

A Rich Story. Some weeks ago there was a gathering of the alumni of Rockland College, Louisiana, when the following hitherto unrecorded story was told. We are indebted for it to a correspondent of the New Orleans Delta:—

A tall, awkward looking chap, just from the green mountains of Vermont, came on board of one of the splendid New Orleans boats, and, in a small room, was amazingly excited at once, and he commenced "pecking," as he called it, into every nook and corner on the boat. The captain's office, the engine room, the water closets, the barber's shop, all underwent his inspection; and then he went on deck and stood in the water, and gradually he began to utter, and the various "pecks" till at last he caught sight of the bell. This was the crowning word, and he exclaimed, "Well, rize, this boats the bell on our meetin' house a darned sight." By this time the captain and several of the passengers were attracted to this genius.

"How much would you ask to let a feller ring this bell?"

"You may ring it for a dollar, sir," said the captain.

"Well, it's a bargain, all fair and agreed, and no backing out."

"It's a bargain, sir," said the captain.

Our hero went deliberately and brought a seat and took hold of the bell rope, and, having arranged everything to his satisfaction, commenced ringing slowly at first, and gradually faster and faster, till everybody on board thought the boat was on fire, and rushed on deck, screaming with alarm. There stood the captain, and there sat the "Vairmounter" ringing away, first slow and then fast, and then two or three times at a time. The passengers began to expostulate; the captain said it was a bargain. But the passengers' horror, and the fact that the boat was on fire, should be stopped. All the while there sat our hero undisturbed, ringing away more ways than a cockney chime-ringer ever dreamt of. At last the captain began to think it time to stop the simpleton; but his answer was, "a fair bargain and no backing out," and he rang away for dear life.

"Well," says the captain, "what will you take to stop?"

"Well, cap'n, I guess I shant lose nothing if I take five dollars and a free passage to New York, but not a darned cent less."

"Well, walk down to the office and get your money and passage tickets," said the captain.

At last, Paradise was home; to the good among his descendants, home is Paradise.

Wholesale Prices Current. BACON, per cwt. 11 1/2. Lard, 11 1/2. Butter, 11 1/2. Eggs, 11 1/2. Flour, 11 1/2. Sugar, 11 1/2. Coffee, 11 1/2. Tea, 11 1/2. Spices, 11 1/2. Oil, 11 1/2. Wine, 11 1/2. Brandy, 11 1/2. Rum, 11 1/2. Gin, 11 1/2. Whisky, 11 1/2. Cognac, 11 1/2. Port, 11 1/2. Sherry, 11 1/2. Champagne, 11 1/2. Soda, 11 1/2. Potash, 11 1/2. Soda ash, 11 1/2. Sulphur, 11 1/2. Saltpetre, 11 1/2. Nitre, 11 1/2. Gunpowder, 11 1/2. Matches, 11 1/2. Candles, 11 1/2. Soap, 11 1/2. Paper, 11 1/2. Books, 11 1/2. Stationery, 11 1/2. Toys, 11 1/2. Games, 11 1/2. Clocks, 11 1/2. Watches, 11 1/2. Jewellery, 11 1/2. Silverware, 11 1/2. Goldware, 11 1/2. Diamonds, 11 1/2. Pearls, 11 1/2. Gems, 11 1/2. Furs, 11 1/2. Hides, 11 1/2. Bones, 11 1/2. Horns, 11 1/2. Shells, 11 1/2. Eggs, 11 1/2. Fish, 11 1/2. Game, 11 1/2. Poultry, 11 1/2. Swine, 11 1/2. Cattle, 11 1/2. Horses, 11 1/2. Carriages, 11 1/2. Coaches, 11 1/2. Boats, 11 1/2. Ships, 11 1/2. Houses, 11 1/2. Land, 11 1/2. Water, 11 1/2. 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South Carolina.

The *Charleston Gazette* thinks that in expressing our opinion that South Carolina will not now secede, we interfere where we have no warrant, and undertake to decide a question which we have never been invited to settle for her. In this we think the *Gazette* misunderstands us. We have simply expressed our own opinion—an opinion founded upon a careful examination of the present position of affairs, and some intercourse with the people of the Palmetto State. When we find such men as BUTLER, BURT, BARNWELL, CHEVENS, ORR, and others, opposed to immediate action, and know that the whole mercantile influence of the State will be cast against it, we are fully convinced that no rash or hasty course will be pursued. When we say, in the article to which the *Gazette* has reference, that "out of South Carolina the question (that of immediate secession) has been settled long ago," we simply meant that the people of the other States had settled the question for themselves. This being the case, we cannot but regard one of the arguments used in favor of immediate secession in South Carolina as a savoring very much of arrogance. We allude to the idea of taking that step in order to force the other States into joining her.

FRANCE.—The census recently taken in France shows a total population of 35,500,000. The number of foreigners of all nations domiciled in France exceeds a million, of whom seventy-five thousand are English. Previous to the revolution, the number of English in France was much greater. The ratio of increase of the French population is very small.

WHAT A NAME.—One of the passengers on board the steamboat Ohio, when she got sunk in the Delaware, was a Mrs. TOOTHAKER! We could pardon a man, or even a single lady, who might be so unlucky as to own such a name, for they would be only laboring under a misfortune with which they were born, but for a lady to marry a man named TOOTHAKER, and thus deliberately and with malice aforethought assume that horrid name, is enough to make every tooth in one's head ache.

VESSEL BURNED.—On the evening of Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, the Barque Savannah was destroyed by fire, just inside of the mouth of the Savannah river. She was bound from Savannah to New York, with a full cargo of cotton and other valuable merchandise. The loss is estimated at \$80,000. The passengers and crew were taken off by the steam tug Tybee.

THE MURDER, Ct., May 25th, 1851.

To the Editor of the Journal.—After an absence of seven months, during which time I have traveled nearly 2,500 miles—seen much of the various interests of different sections of our country—increasing determination among farmers, planters, &c., in many localities to share largely in the hospitality of those to whom my visits were made—and made many valuable acquaintances—I am again permitted to mingle with family and friends, and to inhale the pure air of my native State, "mine own New England."

In consequence of heavy rains in April, vegetation here is backward. On the 14th of February, I saw in Pitt county, N. C., peas three or four inches high; here, May 25th, they are about the same height. Fruit here, it is feared, has been seriously injured by the severe frosts of the early part of this month.

With these exceptions, matters and things generally appear favorable. We now have promise of a good harvest. Mechanics in general are fully employed. The manufacturing interest is gradually rising from the weight that has been thrown upon it during the last two years by the high price of the raw material. On the whole, prosperity continues to crown the efforts of our industrious citizens with success.

The interests of the South, too, are rapidly advancing.—This country is indeed a mirror, into which all the nations of the earth may look for a pattern of freedom. Through the horizon of our political hemisphere has been in a measure beclouded—through the sun of peace and quiet has for a season refused to shed his cheering rays upon us—yet we have reason to believe that the cloud which has obscured our political prospects will soon be driven away by the magic influence of the ballot box, and the sun of peace and harmony will again dawn upon our happy States.

I am proud to say, the political atmosphere of this portion of New England is clear and healthy, so far as concerns the North and the South.

It is doubtful in my mind whether a single one of those animals, known by the name of Abolitionist, can be found within a day's travel. There is a disposition manifested by all to whom I have named the subject, to frown the principles down. Abolitionist! There is nothing known here by that name. Had I a desire to insult any man in this community, in order to do so easily and effectually, I would call him an Abolitionist. The principles, the name, the party, are alike considered contemptible.

I cannot say, would that I could, that there are no persons in Connecticut tainted with Abolition. Free Soil, &c., doctrines, but this much I may say, during the late State election Union men have been sustained by both the leading political parties, each preferring the election of men from the opposing party to those who were even suspected of having any sympathy for those principles which, in the majority of our citizens, are considered at war against justice, State rights, and the constitution.

A worthy friend has just informed me that the number of Free Soilers in our State Legislature this year is much reduced from what it was last year.

Suggestions are now being made which it is hoped, if carried out, will entirely root that unwholesome clan. (They have no claim to the title of party, it reflects disgrace upon men of better principles.)

It is proposed to amend the State Constitution that a plurality may elect. This once done, and Abolition will soon be remembered only as a thing that was. May Heaven give success to the enterprise.

We hope the time is not far distant when the commotion that now threatens to burst asunder every tender tie that binds the North and South together will be hushed, and each State permitted to enjoy the rights and privileges guaranteed by the constitution.

If there is any one national sentiment that our citizens would esteem more than another, it is Union and State Rights. To perpetuate the Union they will use their best endeavors. That the rights of our Southern brethren have been trampled upon, I cannot and never have denied, either North or South. That it has been a source of regret to almost our entire population, I bear testimony; and let me say, that, as a citizen, not a neutral, let him be ever so ferocious, would share so liberally in the execrations and chastisement of the people here, as would that one denominated an "Abolition Lecturer."

Yours truly, A. SHERMAN.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS.—That a periodical press exerts a moral and political influence, and tends in a great degree to mould the character of a nation, is beyond all question; and it is instructive, says the Philadelphia Ledger, to trace its influence since the Revolution, through the various people of the globe among whom it is distributed. Thus, "Austria, the lowest in the scale of civilization, and the least sensible to the charms of freedom, hugging their chains and their superstitions to their bosoms with the ardor of love, can boast of only 10 newspapers! In the whole continent of Africa, there are only 14. In Portugal, there are only 29. In Belgium, there are 65. What a contrast! In Denmark, 85. In Poland and Russia, (very few in Russia) there are 90. But when we come to the common school kingdom of Prussia, civilized by an intellectual Frederick, the man who could appreciate literature and Voltaire, we have 500! In the other German States, there are only 29. In Great Britain and Ireland, 500, making a total in Europe, Asia and Africa, of 1458. Now, what is the number in the United States? More than all the other three quarters of the globe, 1800! This relative distribution of the press over the globe, exhibits its influence and importance. Where newspapers circulate largely and the press is free, the greatest amount of general intelligence is observed, the largest share of national prosperity enjoyed, and a more industrious, enterprising and active population exhibited."

A newspaper is like a stage coach. Its best articles are put inside, and it can't get along without its drivers.

Napoleon at Moscow.

We subjoin from Hendley's work—Napoleon and his Marshals—a brilliant account of the burning of Moscow, which is well spoken of in the American Whig Review, as superior even to Cröy's picture in "Salathiel," of the conflagration of Rome. Hendley's descriptive powers have rarely, if ever been surpassed.

"At length, Moscow, with its domes, and towers and palaces appearing in sight, and Napoleon, who had joined the advanced guard, gazed long and thoughtfully on that goal of his wishes. Murat went forward and entered the gates with his splendid cavalry, but as he passed through the streets, he was struck with the solitude that surrounded him. Nothing was heard but the heavy tramp of his squadrons as he passed along, for a deserted and abandoned city was the meagre prize, for which such unparalleled efforts had been made. As night drew its curtain over the splendid capital, Napoleon entered the gates, and immediately appointed Mortier governor. In his directions he commanded him to abstain from pillaging, for this, said he, 'you shall be an avenger with your life. Defend Moscow against all, whether friend or foe.'"

"The bright moon rose over the mighty city—tipping with silver the domes of more than two hundred churches, and pouring a flood of light over a thousand palaces, and the dwelling of more than a thousand inhabitants. The weary army sunk to rest; but there was no sleep to Mortier's eyes. Not the gorgeous and variegated palaces and their rich ornaments, nor the parks and gardens and oriental magnificence that every where surrounded him, kept him wakeful; but the ominous foreboding that some dire calamity was hanging over the silent capital. When he entered it, scarce a living soul met his gaze as he looked down the long streets; and, when he broke open the buildings, he found parlours, and bed-rooms and chambers, all furnished and in order—but no occupants. The sudden abandonment of their homes betokened some secret purpose yet to be accomplished. The night moon shone like a torch over the city when the cry of 'fire' reached the ears of Mortier:—and the first light over Napoleon's falling empire was kindled, and that most wonderful scene of modern times commenced—the burning of Moscow.

Mortier, as governor of the city, immediately issued his orders, and was putting forth every exertion, when at day-light Napoleon hastened to him. Affected to disbelieve the reports that the inhabitants were burning their own city, he put more rigid commands on Mortier to keep the soldiers from the work of destruction. The Marshal simply pointed to some unroofed houses, and said not a word. At length, from every crevice of which smoke was issuing like steam from the sides of a pent up volcano. Sad and thoughtful, Napoleon turned towards the Kremlin, the ancient palace of the Czsars, whose huge structure rose high above the surrounding edifices.

In the morning Mortier, by great exertions, was enabled to subdue the fire. At length, on Sept. 15, at midnight the sentinels on watch upon the lofty Kremlin, saw below them the flames bursting through the houses and palaces, and the cry of 'fire!' fired! passed through the city. The dread scene had now fairly opened. Fiery balloons were seen dropping from the air, and the houses and the burning city were heard on every side, from the shut dwellings, and the next moment a bright light burst forth, and the flames were raging through the apartments. All was uproar and confusion. The serene air, and moonlight of the night before had given way to driving clouds and wilful tempests. That day dawned with the roar of the city. Flames arose on every side, blazing and cracking in the storm, while clouds of smoke and sparks, in an incessant shower, were driving towards the Kremlin. The clouds themselves seemed turned into fire, rolling in wrath over devoted Moscow. 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